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The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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To provide services and programs that will increase the success of member businesses and organizations and enhance the economy and quality of life in the Waynesburg Area. To remain a politically unbiased and enthusiastic resource to our members and the community at large.

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WAYNESBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET



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Presentation of the
2009 Distinguished Service Awards



The Honorable H. Terry Grimes – Individual Award • Samuel A. Milliken – Posthumous Award
Rotary Club of Waynesburg – Organization Award

Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall
on Saturday, the Twenty-First of November,
Two Thousand and Nine

Invitations sponsored by:
Southwest Regional Medical Center

Evening Agenda

Reception and Hors d'oeuvres 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: **Observer-Reporter**

Entertainment 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: **Community Bank**

Chinese Auction to Benefit the Educational
Scholarship Fund 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Choice of Mediterranean Char Grilled Flat Iron
Steak, Baked Cod Fillet with buttery crumb
topping, Chicken Picatta or Manicotti with
Marinara, Ceasar Salad, Rolls, Red Skin Mashed
Potatoes and Sugar Snap Peas and Carrots
New York Style Cheesecake – Plain or With
Raspberry Drizzle

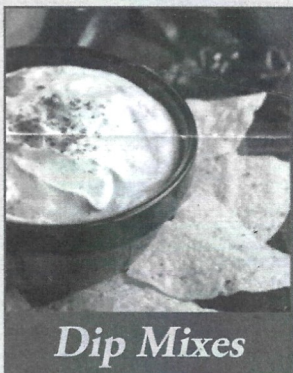
Award Presentations 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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Drawings and Prizes 9:00 p.m.
Chinese Auction Drawings, Silent Auction Closing
and Grand Prize Membership Drawing

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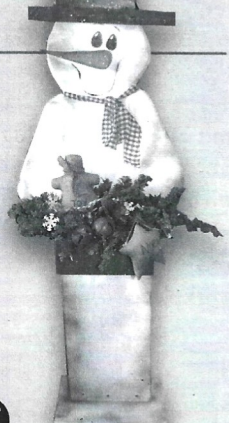
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Complimentary Cocktail Hour sponsored by Southwest Regional Medical Center beginning @ 5:30 pm, with dinner and brief program immediately following.

Music provided by Protege throughout the evening.

Many items available in Chinese and Silent auctions.

Call 724-852-2060 for more information or to make a reservation.

Labor & Industry Calls for Workforce Development Grants Applications

*\$8 Million Available for Projects to
Provide Education, Training,
Employment Opportunities*

The Department of Labor & Industry is seeking applications for \$8 million in grants service providers interested in helping employers and creating education, training and employment opportunities for job seekers. Nov. 13 is the deadline to apply for the funding provided through the federal Workforce Investment Act and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Successful applicants' proposals will complement Labor & Industry's current workforce development and economic recovery efforts. Among, but not limited to, these efforts are: labor-market data collection and analysis; fostering partnerships among employers; providing the current workforce with advanced training; connecting job seekers with career-focused employment; and preparing Pennsylvania's youth for the workplace.

Grant guidelines and more information about these grants are available at www.paworkforce.state.pa.us. Click "Recovery Act Workforce Information & Initiatives" in the quick links, then click "Workforce Development Grants."

October General Membership Luncheon and Awards

Congratulations to the following members who received milestone awards which were presented by Chamber President, Lucy Northrop.

15 years

J.A. Goodwin Agency—
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10 years

Bartons Auto Wrecking
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5 Years

Greene County Habitat for Humanity
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RJ LeeGroup, Inc.
Washington City Mission
Hidden Treasures Store
Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful, Inc.

Multiphasic Blood Screening Planned

Southwest Regional Medical Center and the Rotary Club of Waynesburg will offer a Multiphasic Blood Screening on Saturday November 21, 2009. The program will be held from 6:30 am to 9:30 am. Registration will be held in the second floor lobby area.

This blood screening is offered twice a year to improve the health of the community by providing a comprehensive blood analysis. The basic blood analysis can help identify health risks such as high cholesterol, diabetes, kidney problems, cancer and many others. The cost for this test is \$35.

There are also some optional tests that can be completed. Male participants may elect to have a PSA test to check the prostate for an additional \$15. Other optional tests include a urinalysis and occult blood test. TSH testing will also be offered to evaluate thyroid function.

These tests can help detect a variety of potential health problems and can be done as part of an annual wellness routine for those wishing to be proactive about their health. A physician consent form is required for all testing. You can obtain this consent form by calling 724-627-2623 or by visiting our website at www.sw-rmc.com.

Welcome New Board

Five new board members were elected recently at the October General Membership Luncheon. They will begin their three year terms on January 31st. They are Barbara Wise of RJ LeeGroup, Inc., Jay Hammers of Rhodes & Hammers Printing, Sheila Stewart of First National Bank of Penna., Tim Logan of Logan Law Office and Karen Calvert of Our Glass Creations.

2nd Annual Halloween Spooktacular

Waynesburg Borough and the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the second annual Spooktacular Downtown Merchant Costume Contest on Friday, October 30th on the steps of the Greene County Courthouse. The contest was open to employees of businesses located within the Borough and nearly 25 contestants participated. Lunch was available and all participants received a treat bag compliments of First Federal Savings & Loan. Cash prizes were donated by Eye Candy Hair Salon, Mark IV Office Supply, Laick Design, Greene Saver/Direct Results and Community Bank. The best overall costume also received a custom carved pumpkin donated by Waynesburg Agway and carved by Shane Gottschalk of the Greene Saver. Fall decorations were provided by Jill's Jungle.



Winners are as follows:

Best Overall Costume - Lucas Kiger—Greene County Probation Office—"Ballerina Gorilla";
Most Original - Dolly Throckmorton – In Motion Dance & Fitness – "Queen of Pop";
Scariest – Jennifer Ruble – Hidden Treasures Store – "Ghost";
Prettiest – Kim Lawless – First Federal Savings & Loan – "Dorothy";
Funniest – Pam Lewis – First Federal Savings & Loan – "Greene County Bank Robber"

For photos of all of the contestants, visit the chamber website at www.waynesburg-chamber.com

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Ten Thousand Villages Store to Return to High Street Location, Benefit University Mission Trip Fund

Waynesburg University will partner with Ten Thousand Villages to offer a unique shopping experience to the community during the holiday season. The store will be open Wednesday, Nov. 11 through Monday, Dec. 21 at 66 West High Street in Waynesburg. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ten Thousand Villages sales benefits the artisans by providing a fair trade profit for their products. In addition, the sale benefits the Waynesburg University Mission Trip Scholarship Fund as Ten Thousand Villages donates the overhead costs for the sale to the University. Ten Thousand Villages has generated close to \$4,000 over the past four years for the University's Mission Trip Fund. The fund provides assistance to students who travel domestically or internationally to serve others.

The store will encompass 100 artisan groups representing more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. A variety of products such as jewelry, pottery, stationery, toys, wall art, candles and picture frames are available for purchase.

Ten Thousand Villages is part of a worldwide movement determined to practice fair trade. The organization works with artisans in developing countries to provide a market for artisan products which are sold at a fair trade value. The nonprofit organization is one of over 300 International Fair Trade Association (IFAT) members in 70 countries. IFAT members agree that fair

trade is an alternative approach to conventional international trade. Its mission is to improve the livelihood of disadvantaged people in developing countries and to change unfair structures of international trade.

Girls' Night Out Event Promotes Breast Cancer Awareness

The Pittsburgh Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure in conjunction with the Women's Center of Southwest Regional Medical Center presented "Breast Cancer Awareness: What you need to know" on October 22 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Southwest Regional Medical Center. Research done by Susan G. Komen for the Cure Pittsburgh Affiliate has shown that there is a need for breast cancer education in Greene County. This event attracted 65 women – from breast cancer survivors to those having a family history, or women who wanted to be better educated about the disease.

"I would just like to thank everyone who helped to make the event a success," said Diagnostic Imaging Director Jeanne Bell. "I thought the evening turned out well, and I hope everyone learned some important facts about breast cancer."

The evening had a "Girls' Night Out" theme including dinner, "mocktails," hair styling, make-up, manicures, massages and waxing. These services were provided by local businesses such as Classy Cuts, Temptations, and Massages by Monique. During the actual seminar participants learned about breast cancer prevention, treatment and research.

This is the second time Southwest Regional hosted a "Girls' Night Out" event, and the staff hopes to continue to provide fun, educational seminars in the future.



Julia Meese of Temptations Unlimited explained some special hair and make up techniques at the recent Girls' Night Out sponsored by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Pittsburgh Affiliate.



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Westmoreland County Community College
Greene County Education Center

Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Greene County Education Center of Westmoreland County Community College celebrated its 10th anniversary with a program and reception highlighting the center's growth Monday, October 26.

WCCC offered its first classes at five high schools in Greene County in September 1999 through an agreement with the Greene County Educational Consortium. That semester, 64 students enrolled in evening classes. During the next seven years enrollment and course offerings in Greene County continued to grow under the direction of Dr. Nancy Davis, then coordinator of the Greene County Education Center, and the college's nursing program began in 2004. In need of a permanent home to allow further growth, the Greene County Center moved to its present facility in EverGreene Technology Park in August 2006.

Since the first classes were offered in 1999, 136 students have graduated from the center. This fall, more than 200 students are enrolled in day and evening classes at the Greene County Center.

WCCC President Daniel J. Obara said, "The Greene County Education Center has been a successful partnership between county government, local school districts and WCCC to provide affordable higher education to the residents of Greene County."

During the program, three Greene County Center graduates spoke on their college experiences and their accomplishments since graduation.

Donna Brown of Jefferson earned an associate in applied science degree in nursing in August 2005 at age 59. She was among the first class of graduates of the WCCC Greene County Education Center nursing program. She had worked as a licensed practical nurse for 21 years at Greene County Memorial Hospital before enrolling at WCCC. Currently, she is the critical care coordinator of the Med-Surge Floor at Southwest Regional Medical Center.

With her sights set on becoming a teacher, Heather Lowther, 24, earned college credits at the Greene County Center prior to graduating from Mapletown High School. While completing the associate in arts degree program at the Greene County Center, she transferred to Waynesburg University where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She worked throughout her four years of college and now is a learning support teacher in

grades 5 and 6 at Bobtown Elementary in the Southeastern Greene School District.

Patricia Filer, 56, enrolled at the Greene County Center to enhance her potential to advance from a caseworker to a higher position in the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. This past May, she earned her associate in applied science degree in business-human resource management option. Now she is a DPW program specialist in the Office of Income Maintenance, Bureau of Operations, Division of Field Management.

The program also included remarks by Archie Trader, Greene County commissioner; Donald Painter, former superintendent; Patrick Gerity, WCCC vice president for continuing education, workforce and community development; Dr. Kathleen Malloy, dean of Health Professions; Leyla Olecki-Eddy, Greene County Education Center coordinator; and Dr. Nancy Davis, Greene County Center workforce development coordinator.

Approximately 100 community leaders attended the event, including Greene County Commissioners, state representatives, superintendents, career and technology center directors, business and community leaders.

Pre-Paid Legal Services Launches New Product

Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. (a powerhouse on Wall Street) has launched with an entirely new program called BLASTOFF. This is no longer just about legal services and identity theft services – it is now about revolutionizing the Internet!

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Thanks for taking a look. Please call/email me with any questions and your thoughts. Lois Dille, Independent Associate
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412-997-0719

Downtown Holiday Kick-Off Weekend

Friday, December 4th

5-7 pm - Downtown Holiday Open House
 Organized by Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful
 Sponsored by **Dale Property Services Penn**
 7:30 pm - "A Tuba Christmas" concert - Waynesburg University



Saturday, December 5th

2 pm - Waynesburg Christmas Parade
 Organized by The Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce
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